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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 26, 2002, and with regard to the election/restriction requirement therein. Claims 1-45 are pending in this application and are presented for consideration. Since the Examiner has provided reasons for requiring the restriction requirement approved by Commissioner, Applicants hereby elect Group II, namely claims 15-31, for prosecution on the merits at this time, and without prejudice to Applicant's right to prosecute the claims of Groups I and III.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date indicated below.

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namely claims 1-14 and 45 and claims 15-31, respectively, in a separate division application or applications.

A petition for a one month Extension of Time is enclosed.

Date: October 24, 2002

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